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Mr. William H. Riley, Commissioner
Department of Labor
Pleasant Street
Concord, New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Riley:

You have asked whether the Committee on Claims may, in the case of an injured state employee, make payment in reimbursement to an insurance company for its payments of hospital and medical bills resulting from the injuries sustained by the said state employee.

Under the authority of section 4 of chapter 216 of the Revised Laws as inserted by chapter 266, Laws of 1947 and as amended, the Governor and Council, upon petition and hearing, may award compensation to employees of the state, receiving personal injuries as defined by the Workmen's Compensation Law and in an amount not exceeding that provided by the said law for similar injuries.

It is my opinion that after such an award is made, it is payable only to the "employee of the state" suffering the injury. There is no statutory authorization for making such payment to anyone else.

Very truly yours,

Arthur E. Bean, Jr.,
Assistant Attorney General

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